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1. Since 20 December 1950 the Chinese Communists have added three divisions to forces along the Canton-Kowloon railroad from Shenchuan to Puchits'un (114-06, 22-36), including twenty tanks.* On 20 December one division arrived at Paimanghua (114-38, 22-56) and Pingshan (114-44, 22-59) for garrison duties.** Each day from 12 to 22 December, 100 military trucks moved from Huiyang to Pingshan in the direction of Haifeng and Lufeng (115-38, 22-58). By 26 December, 10,000 troops, probably of the 3 Field Army, had passed through Haifeng and Lufeng, moving toward Swatow. Villages along the Huiyang-Changchou (sic) (117-42, 24-32) highway are full of troops, and a nightly curfew is in force.
2. Starting in December the Communists have been urgently extending and adding runways at White Cloud Airfield which are to be completed by mid-January. One plane is now on the field. The Communists are also repairing a field at Chiangts'un (113-14, 23-17).
3. On 19 December a special train carrying 800 Soviet advisers left Wuchang for Canton. Chinese accompanying them said that the advisers were going to various points of coastal Kwangtung and Hainan island to supervise defense construction.***

* Comment. and referenced report concerning tanks.

** Comment. These divisions are probably from the 22 and 23 Armies which were formerly in South Kiangsu.

*** Comment. concerning the arrival of Soviets in Canton.

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